

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Juneau****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Juneau - Centennial Hall Emergency Relief Center Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$1,200,000**House District:** Juneau Areawide (3-4)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Design and construct improvements to Centennial Hall to improve its use as an emergency relief center.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$2,500,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	Amount	FY	Amount	FY	Amount	FY
Local Funds					\$1,300,000	FY 2011
Total					\$1,300,000	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Public Need and Benefit: Centennial Hall is used as an emergency relief center. In the past, as a result of cruise ship emergencies, cruise passengers have been housed and processed in this facility. Centennial Hall also houses residents and travelers displaced, or in danger of being displaced, due to other emergencies. The facility needs structural and electrical improvements to increase its ability to function as an emergency relief center, especially if there is disruption of the local electrical grid. This project would install a generator to provide power during times of emergency. This project will make necessary structural and functional changes to the facility to enhance its use as an emergency relief center without negative impacts to its current functions.

The City & Borough of Juneau will use local and other fund sources to replace the roof and make other improvements estimated to cost \$1.3 million.

Project Scope: This project would design and construct structural, electrical, and functional improvements for Centennial Hall. The generator would be sized to run full building load during an emergency.

Project Timeline:

FY 2011

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City and Borough of Juneau

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**\$1,200,000
 Approved**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Centennial Hall Emergency Generator – Project Cost: \$1,200,000.00

This proposal would fund an emergency back-up generator to support emergency communication and shelter operations during power outages. The proposed 650 KW diesel emergency generator and fuel tanks would provide 60+ hours of continuous electricity generation for Centennial Hall, with supplementary electrical service to the Juneau Arts and Culture Center, a newly-acquired City and Borough of Juneau facility, also available for use as an emergency shelter.

As Juneau's primary Emergency Shelter for local and regional emergencies, Centennial Hall has served in that capacity during a number of cruise ship emergencies. This includes the 2008 grounding of the Empress of the North where Centennial Hall provided emergency shelter services (medical, food, support, and communication needs) to the dozens of visitors impacted during their emergency evacuation as well as a standby designation for the Spirit of Glacier Bay incident that same year. Centennial Hall also served in the same role in the 1996 Universal Explorer incident and the 1995 Star Princess grounding.

In addition to maintaining providing emergency services support to Juneau's numerous visitors, Centennial Hall also supports the greater community during emergency incidents. In the wake of the 2004 fire downtown, residents were able to shelter in Centennial Hall, where they were provided with food, support services, and sleeping quarters and again during the November 15, 2009 Gastineau Avenue mudslide, Centennial Hall served as the Emergency Shelter for 80 displaced residents; providing a safe haven where those affected could receive necessary services, meals, and a place to sleep. The mudslide resulted in a two-hour power outage in the Juneau downtown area, including Centennial Hall.

Centennial Hall Convention and Civic Center is a cornerstone of the Juneau community and an invaluable resource for Juneau's visitors. In FY09, 90,000 visitors participated in Centennial Hall's multitude of arts, civic, convention, government-sponsored, community business, and non-profit-organization events.

Centennial Hall was built in 1982, and has served convention groups from out-of town, clients from the local Juneau area and as an emergency shelter multiple times. The facility includes more than 35,000 square feet of useable space, has a functioning full commercial-use kitchen, restroom facilities, and access to a variety of communication equipment.